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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Following the title, please insert the following paragraph:


This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial
No. 60/202,716 by inventors Steve King, Andy Mao and Tom Bucht, entitled "Method and
System for Decreasing Routing Latency for Switching Platforms with Variable Configuration,"
filed on May 8, 2000.